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Mr. Trevor Griffey  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Griffey:

The processing of your request for information pertaining to **Robert H. W. Welch (prior to 1975)** which was referred to this office by the Federal Bureau of Investigation via the Chief of Naval Operations along with three pages of information has been completed. Our review of the documents/information reveals they contain personal identifiers (such as names and social security numbers) of third parties, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, we must partially deny your request and withhold this information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provisions 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). All releasable information is provided to you at enclosure (1).

As the official responsible for the partial denial of your request, I am advising you of your right to appeal this determination. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter and should be addressed to the Secretary of the Navy's designee: Office of the Judge Advocate General, (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue, S.E., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5066. The envelope and letter should bear the annotation "FOIA Appeal." Please include a copy of your original request with your appeal letter.

There are no assessable fees associated with the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

*Carin M Cozza*

CARIN M. COZZA  
LT, JAGC, USN

Encl:  
(1) Documents



## Explanation of FOIA/PA Exemptions

### **Subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) **personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;**
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **Subsections of Title 15, United States Code, Section 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) **investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;**
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

*Rec'd. Liaison*  
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IN REPLY REFER TO

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MEMORANDUM for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: Liaison Section

Subj: [REDACTED]

Encl: (1) IO-PRNG ltr ser1911 of 24 May 1961, same subj, w/encl

1. Enclosure (1), which contains information concerning SLOAN, is forwarded for information.
2. The records of the Office of Naval Intelligence contain no information concerning [REDACTED]

*William Abbott*  
WILLIAM ABBOTT

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Liaison Section

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FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE, INTELLIGENCE OFFICE, POTOMAC RIVER NAVAL COMMAND  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

SUBJ: NR 71-5 5-7-61  
[REDACTED]

ENCL: (1) INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

1. ENCLOSURE (1), PROVIDED BY THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, MARINE CORPS SCHOOLS, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, IDENTIFIES SUBJECT AS AN EMPLOYEE AT THE ARMY-AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE, THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., AND A MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, AND IS FORWARDED AS A MATTER UNDER YOUR COGNIZANCE.

2. IT IS NOTED THAT CAPT KENNEDY WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, ON OR ABOUT 1 JUNE 1961.

H. A. KOTRLA

COPY TO:

→ DNI (W/ENCL)

FBI, RICHMOND (W/ENCL)

L. F. KENNEY  
By direction

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ENCLOSURE

Enclosure (1) to DNI  
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Interview of [REDACTED]

On 9 May 1961, the following information was made available to this office by [REDACTED] Junior School, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia. On 21 April 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] employed at the Army-Air Force Exchange Service, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., contacted [REDACTED], at their home, [REDACTED], and stated to [REDACTED] substantially as follows:

[REDACTED] is a member of the John Birch Society and advocated a government structural change. [REDACTED] believed Congress's legislative powers should be eliminated but, could continue to exist for protocol reasons. This, he felt would abolish red tape and would allow quick governmental action. He advocated individual central power and felt force would be utilized to bring about these government structural changes, if necessary. Subject brought out that [REDACTED] was a member of the John Birch Society, however, it was felt subject was aware [REDACTED] were of the Catholic faith. Through [REDACTED], [REDACTED] attempted to solicit [REDACTED] and fellow USMC officers' views concerning LEO and the Cuban situation. It was apparent to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was attempting to solicit the [REDACTED] for possible membership in the John Birch Society. When asked by [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] thought of their discussion, she asked if he were serious, to which he replied, "yes" he was serious, and then she told him, he was a nut. To this he took offense and, as of this date, has not tried to contact [REDACTED] or his wife.

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